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H.B. No. 1264

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of certain municipal courts  
in certain criminal cases punishable by fine only.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 4.14(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
amended to read as follows:

(f) A municipality with a population of 1.19 million or more  
and another municipality contiguous to that municipality may enter  
into an agreement providing concurrent jurisdiction for the  
municipal courts of either jurisdiction for all criminal cases  
arising from offenses under state law that are:

(1) committed on the boundary of those municipalities  
or in one or both of the following areas:

(A) within 200 yards of that boundary; or

(B) within 2.25 miles of that boundary on a  
segment of highway in the state highway system that traverses a  
major water supply reservoir; and

(2) punishable by fine only.

SECTION 2. Article 13.045, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
amended to read as follows:

Art. 13.045. ON THE BOUNDARIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.  
An offense punishable by fine only that is committed on or near the  
boundary[~~, or within 200 yards of the boundary,~~] of contiguous  
municipalities that have entered into an agreement authorized by

1 Article 4.14(f) and Section 29.003(h), Government Code, may be  
2 prosecuted in either of those municipalities as provided in the  
3 agreement.

4 SECTION 3. Section 29.003(h), Government Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (h) A municipality with a population of 1.19 million or more  
7 and another municipality contiguous to that municipality may enter  
8 into an agreement providing concurrent jurisdiction for the  
9 municipal courts of either jurisdiction for all criminal cases  
10 arising from offenses under state law that are:

11 (1) committed on the boundary of those municipalities  
12 or in one or both of the following areas:

13 (A) within 200 yards of that boundary; or

14 (B) within 2.25 miles of that boundary on a  
15 segment of highway in the state highway system that traverses a  
16 major water supply reservoir; and

17 (2) punishable by fine only.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.